

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 235

By Ford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sarah Eva Goodman Sanders on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those gifted cooks, devoted mothers, and exemplary citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Eva Goodman Sanders will be celebrating her ninetieth birthday on May 26, 2011, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Paul Goodman and Faye Harrison Goodman, Sarah Sanders began her journey in life on May 26, 1921; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sanders graduated from Boones Creek High School in 1940, and she has been a resident of the Sulphur Springs community of Washington County for sixty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sanders served with acumen and alacrity in the food service of the Washington County School system, and additionally she worked as a substitute teacher for Washington County Schools, in which positions she earned the respect of her employers and students alike for the superior quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Sanders also displayed the greatest of horticultural expertise, working on her farm for over seventy years; still an active and productive member of society, she currently loves gardening, cooking, and attending church services; and

WHEREAS, known for her culinary ability, Mrs. Sanders has won many ribbons at the Appalachian Fair. Her family and friends cherish the opportunity to taste her cooked rice, yellow

cake with caramel icing, wonderful blackberry cobbler, blackberry cake, fried pies, stickeys, homemade ice cream, and her delicious cornbread salad; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Eva Goodman Sanders joined Willie Jackson “Bill” Sanders in holy matrimony on April 25, 1940, and they were married for sixty-two years until Mr. Sanders’ passing; and

WHEREAS, the couple’s blessed union produced six treasured children, Janice Sanders White, Dale “Slab” Sanders, the husband of Brenda Sanders, Gary L. Sanders, the husband of Kathy Sanders, and also Carolyn Sanders, Lindell Sanders, and Infant Sanders, all of who have passed on to their great reward; her beloved grandchildren, Chris Sanders, Jenna Sanders, Roger Sanders, the husband of Kim Sanders, Lori Sanders Jenkins, the wife of Jeremy Jenkins, Matt Kwiakowski, and Megan K. Hayes, the wife of Kenny Hayes; and her exceptional great-grandchildren, Haven Sanders, Declan Sanders, Ryan Sanders, Reid Sanders, Jackson Jenkins, and Josie Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, runner-up in the “Mother of the Year” contest in 2004, Mrs. Sanders, through the years, has wholly enjoyed helping her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren compile insect and leaf collections for school projects; and

WHEREAS, she is a devoted and active member of Pleasant Valley Brethren Church, still serving the Body of Christ faithfully as the oldest member in the congregation and as a dedicated vocalist in the choir; and

WHEREAS, a lady of great resolve and incredible achievements, Sarah Eva Goodman Sanders continues to bless all who know her with her indelible legacy and perpetual wisdom; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee’s most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sarah Eva Goodman Sanders, a stunning lady in numerous respects, an excellent professional, a prize-winning cook, and a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, on the celebration of her ninetieth

birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.